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TAGS:SHUM, CGEN, PFOR, BU (MAREVA, RUMYANA AND YORDANKA)

SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILIES CASE: RUMYANA AND YORDANKA
MAREVA

REF: STATE 223778

1. MAREVAS HAVE PREPARED NEW AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT FOR THEIR CHILDREN ONLY. THEY REPORTEDLY TELEPHONED MRS. MAREVA'S BROTHER, ZHELEZOV, AND ADVISED HIM OF THIS NEW AFFIDAVIT. THEY CLAIM THAT DURING TELCON HE AGREED TO AGAIN APPLY FOR PASSPORTS AND EXIT PERMITS ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN. THEY HAVE ALSO WRITTEN A LETTER TO ZHELEZOV TO OUTLINE THEIR PLANS AND ASK HIS CONTINUED ASSISTANCE.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 16, MAREV TELEPHONED EUR/EE OFFICER TO ADVISE THAT BULGARIAN EMBASSY HAD REFUSED TO CERTIFY THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHENTICATION OF THE AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT WHICH MAREV HAD PREPARED. THE EMBASSY CLAIMED THAT THE AFFIDAVIT HAD BEEN IMPROPERLY PREPARED SINCE IT INCLUDED THE INVITATION TO THE MAREV CHILDREN TO COME TO THE U.S., WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN A SEPERATE LETTER. EUR/EE OFFICER SUBSEQUENTLY EXAMINED AFFIDAVIT AND FOUND
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IT TO BE IN ACCORD WITH GUIDELINES PROVIDED BY EMBASSY

SOFIA. IT WAS FURTHER DISCOVERED THAT BULGARIAN EMBASSY

HAD CERTIFIED DOCUMENTS AND THEN INVALIDATED THE EMBASSY SEAL.

3. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED MAREV TO MAIL AFFIDAVITS TO CONSUL, EMBASSY SOFIA VIA THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND REQUEST THAT THE EMBASSY CERTIFY THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHENTICATION, AS OUTLINED IN ABOVE-MENTIONED GUIDELINES FOR EXIT PERMIT APPLICATIONS. DEPARTMENT ASKS THAT EMBASSY THEN CONTACT ZHELEZOV AND TRANSMIT DOCUMENTS TO HIM BY WHATEVER MEANS EMBASSY BELIEVES APPROPRIATE. WE REQUEST THAT EMBASSY CONTINUE TO KEEP US INFORMED OF PROGRESS IN THIS CASE, WHICH HAS AROUSED A GOOD DEAL OF PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST. MAREV CONTINUES HIS VIGIL OUTSIDE DIPLOMATIC ENTRANCE OF DEPARTMENT. ROBINSON

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